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First Meeting of CCA/UNDAF Steering Committee 19 January, 2005

Participants:

1. Valerian Cristea, Deputy Prime Minister
2. Bruno Pouezat, UN Resident Coordinator in the R. Moldova
3. Giovanna Barberis, Resident Representative UNICEF
4. Ilie Boian, Deputy Minister of Ecology
5. Viorelia Moldovan-Bătrînac, Deputy Minister of Education
6. Feodosia Furculita, Deputy Minister of Finance
7. Sergiu Cornetchi, Chief of the Department of Youth and Sports
8. Sergiu Sainciuc, First Deputy Minister of Labor
9. Gheorghe Turcanu, First Deputy Minister of Health
10. Valentina Haheu, Chief of the Department of Social Development
11. Alexei Nistrean, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
12. Steliana Nedera, UNDP
13. Liudmila Barcari, UNDP
14. Viorica Berdaga, UNICEF
15. Alexandrina Iovita, UNFPA
16. Viorel Chivriga, Coalition for Rural Development
17. Antonita Fonari, NGOs network in social development
18. Olga Rosca, NGOs network in social development

Agenda:

- Opening remarks
Mr. V. Cristea, Mr. B. Pouezat
- Approval of CCA/UNDAF work plan.
Led by Ms. Liudmila Barcari, UNDP Moldova
- Revision and approval of Terms of Reference for CCA/UNDAF Steering Committee.
Led by Ms. Steliana Nedera, UNDP Moldova
- Approval of Theme Groups, their composition and objectives.
Led by Viorica Berdaga, UNICEF

I and II. In their opening remarks, Mr. Cristea and Mr. Pouezat mentioned the importance of Moldovan Government's involvement in the new process of UN Common Country Programmes Elaboration. From the detailed description of the new process, it becomes clear that its main objective is to ensure that the support of the United Nation offered to the R. Moldova is focused on a priority framework led by the country and defined by the Government in cooperation with other partners. Necessary decisions concerning this process will be approved at the meetings of the newly founded Steering Committee, so that by the year 2006, the Government of the Republic of Moldova will have submitted a new programme of cooperation between the R. Moldova and the UN to the United Nations Headquarters for final approval. This process constitutes of 3 stages: a) Common Country Programming (CCA), b) United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF), and 3) elaboration of UN Agencies' programmes. These stages are mandatory for each UN member-state and imply active participation of certain UN Agencies such as UNDP, UNICEF, and UNFPA which will, respectively, concentrate on the elaboration of several long-term joint activities.

During the year 2005, the Steering Committee will convene for 2 more meetings:

- In July, to approve CCA;
- In December, to approve UNDAF.

Other details concerning the activities foreseen during this process are expounded in the Work Plan presented at the meeting and approved by the Steering Committee.

III. At a great extent, the responsibilities of the Steering Committee are directed towards monitoring CCA and UNDAF implementation as part of the elaboration of UN common country programmes for the period of 2007-2011. Among other tasks, the Steering Committee will revise and approve CCA and UNDAF plans, will ensure that cooperation domains and objectives of the UN and the R. Moldova are aligned with the national priorities mentioned in EGPRS. The document was approved.

IV. Terms of Reference for Thematic Groups, elaborated on the ground of EGPRS, include a series of major responsibilities: identification of priority problems, collection of important data and information and its analysis, check of technical documents elaborated by consultants, etc. All documents that will be elaborated will focus on existent analytical documents, e.g. analysis presented in EGPRS. The document was approved.

A greater emphasis was made on the composition of Thematic Groups. The lists submitted for examination could be revised, extended or reduced. The final composition of Thematic Groups will be ultimately decided after comments are received regarding this issue. Each of the Thematic Groups will be led by a designated official from the Government and a representative of one of the resident UN Agencies in Moldova. After a short period of time, the Government will nominate State officials who will be assigned as Presidents for each of the Thematic Groups.

Chairmen of the Steering Committee

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